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FOURTH EDITION.

General Scripture Reading.

A PERPETUAL

BIBLICAL CALENDAR,

EMBRACING

IN AN ANNUAL CYCLE

THE ENTIRE SCRIPTURES,

IN CONSECUTIVE ORDER,

IN A COURSE OF THREE LESSONS EACH DAY,

FOR EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR.

BY A CLERGYMAN.

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."—*Rom.* xv. 4.

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NOTE.

In the ensuing arrangement many of the Chapters having been divided for the purpose of equalizing the readings more completely, the following explanation may be found useful: viz.—

JANUARY.

Day		Morning
		Genesis.
24	. . .	24, 1—51
25	. . .	24, 52. 25

denotes that, on the morning of the 24th of January, the 24th chapter of Genesis is to be read, from the first to the fifty-first verse, *inclusive*; and, on the morning of the 25th of January, the remaining part of the 24th chapter is to be read, together with *the whole* of the 25th chapter. And so of other divided portions.

January

HATH XXXI DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		Genesis	1 *Chron.*	*Matthew*
1	*A*	1	1	1
2	*b*	2	2, 1-41	2
3	*c*	3	2, 42. 3	3
4	*d*	4	4	4
5	*e*	5	5	5
6	*f*	6	6, 1-53	6
7	*g*	7	6, 54	7
8	*A*	8	7	8
9	*b*	9	8	9
10	*c*	10	9, 1-34	10
11	*d*	11	9, 35. 10	11
12	*e*	12	11	12
13	*f*	13	12	13, 1-52
14	*g*	14	13. 14	13, 53. 14
15	*A*	15	15	15
16	*b*	16	16	16
17	*c*	17	17	17
18	*d*	18	18	18
19	*e*	19	19. 20	19
20	*f*	20	21	20
21	*g*	21	22	21
22	*A*	22	23	22
23	*b*	23	24	23
24	*c*	24, 1-51	25	24
25	*d*	24, 52. 25	26	25
26	*e*	26	27	26, 1-56
27	*f*	27, 1-40	28	26, 57. 27, 1-54
28	*g*	27, 41. 28	29	27, 55. 28
29	*A*	29	2 *Chron.* 1	*Mark* 1
30	*b*	30	2	2
31	*c*	31	3	3

February

HATH XXVIII DAYS, AND IN EVERY LEAP YEAR XXIX

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		Genesis	2 *Chron.*	*Mark*
1	*d*	32	4	4
2	*e*	33	5. 6, 1-11	5
3	*f*	34	6, 12	6
4	*g*	35	7	7
5	*A*	36	8	8
6	*b*	37	9	9
7	*c*	38	10	10
8	*d*	39	11	11
9	*e*	40. 41, 1-13	12	12
10	*f*	41, 14	13	13
11	*g*	42	14	14, 1-59
12	*A*	43	15	14, 60. 15, 1-39
13	*b*	44	16	15, 40. 16
14	*c*	45	17	*Luke* 1
15	*d*	46	18	2
16	*e*	47	19. 20, 1-13	3
17	*f*	48	20, 14	4
18	*g*	49	21	5
19	*A*	50	22	6
20	*b*	*Exodus* 1	23	7
21	*c*	2	24	8
22	*d*	3	25	9
23	*e*	4	26. 27	10
24	*f*	5	28, 1-15	11
25	*g*	6	28, 16. 29, 1-11	12
26	*A*	7, 1-24	29, 12	13
27	*b*	7, 25. 8	30	14
28	*c*	9 [10]	31	15 [16]
29	*d*	10	31	16

March

HATH XXXI DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		Exodus	2 *Chron.*	*Luke*
1	*d*	11. 12, 1-28	32	17
2	*e*	12, 29	33	18
3	*f*	13	34	19
4	*g*	14	35	20
5	*A*	15	36	21
6	*b*	16, 1-26	*Ezra* 1.2, 1-41	22, 1-54¾
7	*c*	16, 27. 17	2, 42	22, 54¼. 23, 1-47
8	*d*	18	3	23, 48. 24
9	*e*	19	4	*John* 1
10	*f*	20	5	2
11	*g*	21	6	3
12	*A*	22	7	4
13	*b*	23	8	5
14	*c*	24	9	6
15	*d*	25	10	7
16	*e*	26, 1-30	*Neh.* 1. 2	8
17	*f*	26, 31. 27	3	9
18	*g*	28	4	10
19	*A*	29	5. 6	11
20	*b*	30, 1-33	7. 1-45	12
21	*c*	30, 34. 31	7, 46	13
22	*d*	32, 1-29	8	14
23	*e*	32, 30. 33	9, 1-21	15
24	*f*	34	9, 22	16
25	*g*	35	10	17
26	*A*	36	11	18
27	*b*	37	12	19, 1-37
28	*c*	38	13	19, 38. 20
29	*d*	39	*Esth.* 1	21
30	*e*	40	2	*Acts* 1.2, 1-13
31	*f*	*Lev.* 1. 2	3	2, 14

April

HATH XXX DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		Lev.	*Esther*	*Acts*
1	*g*	3. 4, 1-12	4	3
2	*A*	4, 13	5	4
3	*b*	5	6	5
4	*c*	6	7	6. 7, 1-29
5	*d*	7	8	7, 30
6	*e*	8	9, 1-19	8
7	*f*	9	9, 20. 10	9
8	*g*	10	*Job* 1	10
9	*A*	11, 1-30	2	11
10	*b*	11, 31	3	12
11	*c*	12. 13, 1-37	4	13, 1-43
12	*d*	13, 38. 14, 1-32	5	13, 44. 14
13	*e*	14, 33	6	15
14	*f*	15	7	16
15	*g*	16, 1-28	8	17
16	*A*	16, 29. 17	9	18
17	*b*	18	10	19
18	*c*	19	11	20
19	*d*	20. 21	12	21, 1-39
20	*e*	22	13	21, 40. 22
21	*f*	23	14	23
22	*g*	24. 25, 1-24	15	24
23	*A*	25, 25	16	25
24	*b*	26, 1-22	17	26
25	*c*	26, 23	18	27
26	*d*	27	19	28
27	*e*	*Num.* 1	20	*Psalm* 1. 2
28	*f*	2	21	3-5
29	*g*	3	22	6-8
30	*A*	4	23	9. 10

May

HATH XXXI DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		Numbers	*Job*	*Psalms*
1	*b*	5	24	11-13
2	*c*	6. 7, 1-9	25. 26	14-16
3	*d*	7, 10-83	27	17
4	*e*	7, 84. 8	28	18
5	*f*	9	29	19-21
6	*g*	10	30	22
7	*A*	11	31, 1-23	23-25
8	*b*	12. 13	31, 24	26-28
9	*c*	14, 1-25	32	29. 30
10	*d*	14, 26	33	31
11	*c*	15	34	32
12	*f*	16, 1-40	35	33
13	*g*	16, 41. 17	36	34
14	*A*	18	37	35
15	*b*	19	38	36
16	*c*	20	39	37
17	*d*	21	40	38
18	*e*	22	41	39. 40
19	*f*	23	42	41-43
20	*g*	24	*Prov.* 1	44
21	*A*	25	2	45
22	*b*	26, 1-51	3	46-48
23	*c*	26, 52. 27	4	49
24	*d*	28	5	50
25	*e*	29	6	51. 52
26	*f*	30. 31, 1-24	7	53-55
27	*g*	31, 25	8	56. 57
28	*A*	32	9	58. 59
29	*b*	33	10	60. 61
30	*c*	34	11	62. 63
31	*d*	35	12. 13	64. 65

June

HATH XXX DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		Numbers	*Proverbs*	*Psalms*
1	*e*	36	14	66. 67
2	*f*	*Deut.* 1	15	68
3	*g*	2	16	69
4	*A*	3	17. 18	70. 71
5	*b*	4, 1-40	19	72
6	*c*	4, 41. 5	20	73
7	*d*	6	21	74
8	*e*	7	22	75. 76
9	*f*	8	23	77. 78, 1-35
10	*g*	9	24	78, 36
11	*A*	10	25	79. 80
12	*b*	11	26	81. 82
13	*c*	12	27	83. 84
14	*d*	13	28	85. 86
15	*e*	14	29	87. 88
16	*f*	15	30	89
17	*g*	16	31	90. 91
18	*A*	17	*Eccl.* 1	92. 93
19	*b*	18	2	94. 95
20	*c*	19	3	96. 97
21	*d*	20	4	98. 99
22	*e*	21	5. 6	100. 101
23	*f*	22	7	102
24	*g*	23	8	103
25	*A*	24	9	104
26	*b*	25	10	105
27	*c*	26	11. 12	106
28	*d*	27. 28, 1-14	*Song* 1. 2	107
29	*e*	28. 15	3. 4	108. 109
30	*f*	29	5. 6	110-112

July

HATH XXXI DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		Deut.	*Song*	*Psalms*
1	*g*	30	7	113. 114
2	*A*	31	8	115. 116
3	*b*	32, 1-43	*Isaiah* 1	117. 118
4	*c*	32, 44. 33	2	119, 1-40
5	*d*	34	3	119, 41-80
6	*e*	*Joshua* 1	4. 5, 1-7	119, 81-128
7	*f*	2	5, 8	119, 129-176
8	*g*	3	6	120-124
9	*A*	4	7	125-127
10	*b*	5	8	128-130
11	*c*	6	9	131-134
12	*d*	7	10	135. 136
13	*e*	8	11	137-139
14	*f*	9	12. 13, 1-5	140-142
15	*g*	10	13, 6	143. 144
16	*A*	11	14, 1-27	145-147
17	*b*	12	14, 28. 15	148-150
18	*c*	13	16	*Romans* 1
19	*d*	14	17	2
20	*e*	15, 1-20	18. 19, 1-17	3
21	*f*	15, 21. 16	19, 18. 20	4
22	*g*	17	21	5
23	*A*	18	22	6
24	*b*	19, 1-39	23	7
25	*c*	19, 40. 20	24	8
26	*d*	21	25. 26	9
27	*e*	22, 1-29	27	10
28	*f*	22, 30. 23	28	11
29	*g*	24	29	12
30	*A*	*Judges* 1	30	13
31	*b*	2	31. 32	14

August

HATH XXXI DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		Judges	*Isaiah*	*Romans*
1	*c*	3	33	15
2	*d*	4	34. 35	16
3	*e*	5	36	1 *Cor.* 1
4	*f*	6	37	2
5	*g*	7	38. 39	3
6	*A*	8	40	4
7	*b*	9, 1-40	41	5
8	*c*	9, 41. 10	42	6
9	*d*	11, 1-29	43	7
10	*e*	11, 30. 12	44	8
11	*f*	13	45	9
12	*g*	14	46. 47	10
13	*A*	15	48	11
14	*b*	16, 1-20	49	12
15	*c*	16, 21. 17	50. 51	13
16	*d*	18	52. 53	14
17	*e*	19	54. 55	15
18	*f*	20	56. 57	16
19	*g*	21	58	2 *Cor.* 1
20	*A*	*Ruth* 1	59	2
21	*b*	2	60	3
22	*c*	3	61. 62	4
23	*d*	4	63. 64	5
24	*e*	1 *Sam.* 1	65	6
25	*f*	2	66	7
26	*g*	3	*Jer.* 1	8
27	*A*	4	2	9
28	*b*	5	3	10
29	*c*	6	4	11
30	*d*	7	5	12
31	*e*	8	6	13

September

HATH XXX DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		1 *Samuel*	*Jeremiah*	*Galat.*
1	*f*	9	7	1
2	*g*	10	8	2
3	*A*	11	9	3
4	*b*	12	10	4
5	*c*	13	11	5
6	*d*	14, 1-46	12	6
7	*e*	14, 47. 15	13	*Eph.* 1
8	*f*	16. 17, 1-11	14	2
9	*g*	17, 12-54	15	3
10	*A*	17, 55. 18	16	4
11	*b*	19	17	5
12	*c*	20, 1-34	18. 19	6
13	*d*	20, 35. 21	20. 21	*Phil.* 1
14	*e*	22	22	2
15	*f*	23	23	3
16	*g*	24	24. 25, 1-31	4
17	*A*	25	25, 32. 26	*Col.* 1
18	*b*	26	27	2
19	*c*	27. 28, 1, 2	28	3
20	*d*	28, 3	29	4
21	*e*	29. 30, 1-6	30	1 *Thes.* 1
22	*f*	30, 7-25	31	2
23	*g*	30, 26. 31	32	3
24	*A*	2 *Sam.* 1	33	4
25	*b*	2	34	5
26	*c*	3, 1-30	35	2 *Thes.* 1
27	*d*	3, 31. 4	36	2
28	*e*	5	37	3
29	*f*	6	38	1 *Tim.* 1
30	*g*	7	39. 40	2

October

HATH XXXI DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		2 *Samuel*	*Jeremiah*	1 *Timothy*
1	*A*	8	41	3
2	*b*	9	42	4
3	*c*	10	43. 44, 1-14	5
4	*d*	11	44, 15. 45	6
5	*e*	12	46. 47	2 *Tim.* 1
6	*f*	13	48, 1-27	2
7	*g*	14	48, 28	3
8	*A*	15	49, 1-22	4
9	*b*	16	49, 23	*Titus* 1
10	*c*	17	50, 1-20	2
11	*d*	18	50, 21	3
12	*e*	19	51, 1-18	*Philem.*
13	*f*	20	51, 19-40	*Heb.* 1
14	*g*	21	51, 41	2
15	*A*	22	52	3
16	*b*	23	*Lam.* 1	4
17	*c*	24	2	5
18	*d*	1 *Kings* 1	3, 1-30	6
19	*e*	2	3, 31	7
20	*f*	3	4	8
21	*g*	4	5	9
22	*A*	5	*Ezekiel* 1	10
23	*b*	6	2	11
24	*c*	7, 1-26	3	12
25	*d*	7, 27	4	13
26	*e*	8, 1-53	5	*James* 1
27	*f*	8, 54. 9	6	2
28	*g*	10	7	3
29	*A*	11	8	4
30	*b*	12	9	5
31	*c*	13	10	1 *Peter* 1

November

HATH XXX DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		1 *Kings*	*Ezekiel*	1 *Peter*
1	*d*	14	11	2
2	*e*	15	12	3
3	*f*	16	13	4
4	*g*	17	14. 15	5
5	*A*	18, 1-40	16, 1-19	2 *Peter* 1
6	*b*	18, 41. 19	16, 20-43	2
7	*c*	20	16, 44	3
8	*d*	21	17	1 *John* 1
9	*e*	22	18	2
10	*f*	2 *Kings* 1. 2	19	3
11	*g*	3	20, 1-26	4
12	*A*	4	20, 27	5
13	*b*	5	21	2 *John*
14	*c*	6	22	3 *John*
15	*d*	7	23, 1-27	*Jude*
16	*e*	8	23, 28	*Mic.* 1. 2
17	*f*	9	24	3. 4
18	*g*	10	25	5. 6
19	*A*	11	26	7
20	*b*	12	27	*Nah.* 1. 2
21	*c*	13	28	3
22	*d*	14	29	*Hab.* 1
23	*e*	15	30	2
24	*f*	16	31	3
25	*g*	17	32	*Zeph.* 1. 2
26	*A*	18	33	3
27	*b*	19	34	*Hag.* 1. 2
28	*c*	20	35	*Zech.* 1
29	*d*	21	36, 1-15	2. 3
30	*e*	22	36, 16	4. 5

December

HATH XXXI DAYS

DAY		MORNING	NOON	EVENING
		2 Kings	*Ezekiel*	*Zech.*
1	*f*	23, 1-30	37	6. 7
2	*g*	23, 31. 24	38	8
3	*A*	25	39	9
4	*b*	*Hosea* 1	40, 1-23	10. 11
5	*c*	2	40, 24	12. 13
6	*d*	3. 4	41	14
7	*e*	5	42	*Mal.* 1
8	*f*	6	43	2
9	*g*	7	44	3. 4
10	*A*	8	45	*Rev.* 1
11	*b*	9	46	2
12	*c*	10	47	3
13	*d*	11	48	4
14	*e*	12	*Daniel* 1	5
15	*f*	13	2, 1-30	6
16	*g*	14	2, 31	7
17	*A*	*Joel* 1	3, 1-18	8
18	*b*	2	3, 19	9
19	*c*	3	4, 1-18	10
20	*d*	*Amos* 1	4, 19	11
21	*e*	2	5, 1-16	12
22	*f*	3	5, 17	13
23	*g*	4	6	14
24	*A*	5	7	15
25	*b*	6	8	16
26	*c*	7	9	17
27	*d*	8	10	18
28	*e*	9	11, 1-13	19
29	*f*	*Obadiah*	11, 14-29	20
30	*g*	*Jon.* 1. 2	11, 30	21
31	*A*	3. 4	12	22

GENERAL SCRIPTURE READING.

HENCE, vain deluding joys!
Mere pleasures of the sense!
What are ye all but toys,
Empty and false pretence?
Far higher pleasures here I reap,
With God communion while I keep.

What book with this compares?
What so the mind improves?
What thus for heav'n prepares
The soul that Jesus loves?
Here would I still delight to dwell,
And learn the wonders taught so well.

Say, did not Aaron's rod
The other rods devour,
Which seem'd what they were not
By magic's art and power?
E'en so shall Scripture Truth, at length,
Assert its might, and prove its strength.

As, with the op'ning day,
The stars all disappear,
The sun's own glorious ray
Illuminates the sphere;
'Tis thus the Bible only can
Engage and fill the soul of man.

Here's no Apocrypha,
No legendary lore;
Tradition's specious ware,
Nor falsehood's erring store:
But the pure Sacred Word alone,
By clearest evidences known.

All ranks, all classes find,
Within the hallowed page,
To edify the mind,
Lessons for youth and age.
ALL, on the same appointed hour,
Peruse *the self-same words* with pow'r.

As sound, united, tells
Upon the ear with force,
So meditation swells
With sympathy its course:
All hearts, all voices join to raise
The prayer of faith, and hymn of praise.

We live not to ourselves,
And, if we Christians are,
We die not to ourselves,
But in each other share.
In Scripture Reading, too, we may
This rule of Charity obey.

With equal steps proceed
To brighter realms above;
Help'd on with mutual aid
Of Faith, and Hope, and Love.
Thus all, as one united band,
Advance towards Immanuel's land.

Eternal thanks be thine
For such a bright display,
As makes e'en darkness shine
With beams of gladsome day.
My soul rejoices to pursue
Thy blessed steps, till heaven's in view.

'Tis not by bread alone
The life of man's upheld;
God sends his blessings down
In sacred truths reveal'd:
Each word that from his mouth proceeds
The way to bliss eternal leads.

The earthquake and the fire,
The whirlwind and the flame,
Do not our souls inspire
With *love* to his great Name:
But in the silent still small voice
He speaks—and then our hearts rejoice.

Our hearts within us burn
While Jesus, on the way,
Talks with us, and we learn
His holy will to obey:
Our hearts he opens to receive
The truths of Scripture, and believe.

The Spirit gives the Word,
And brings the Truth to sight;
And Promises afford
A sanctifying light:
A glory gilds the sacred page,
And sheds a light on every age.

Majestic like the sun,
It warmth and light supplies;
It gives, but borrows none,
Its truths o'er all arise.
They rise, indeed, but never set:
Precious, unbounded, infinite.

O let thy Word of grace
My hourly thoughts employ ;
Be this, through all my days,
My treasure and my joy :
O may thy servant always learn
The sacred path there to discern.

Boast not yourselves, O friends,
Instruction is so cheap ;
There are important *ends*
For us in view to keep :
The Day of Judgment will declare
How CHEAP it is, or else how DEAR.

For every creature's good,
It cannot be denied ;
None is to be eschew'd,
When rightly sanctified :
And sanctified, indeed, they are
By God's most holy word, and prayer.

THE TREE OF LIFE.

A FRAGMENT.

Compare Gen. 3, 22—24 with Rev. 22, 1, 2.

GRANT me to feed upon "the tree of life;"
Its fruit to gather, and to "live for ever;"
That tree, with "healing of the nations" rife,
Which whoso eats, no more from thee shall sever.
Twelve manner fruits that heavenly tree doth bear,
One sort each month, its every week and day;
To entertain our souls the live-long year,
Their solace and support, their strength and stay,
Their help to wing their flight from earth to heaven away.

Call we our neighbours to partake our joy,
Under the fruitful vine and fig-tree's shade;
Where pleasure's streams abound without alloy,
And furnish pure delights which never fade.
This is the day the Lord himself hath made;
A day of tidings good, and news untold:
Let us impart to others, as He bade,
The message of his Gospel, and unfold
The treasures of his love and grace laid up of old.

SPECIMENS

OF THE MANNER OF USING THE FOREGOING CALENDAR OF LESSONS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS.

I.

FOR A SERVICE TWICE A DAY,

With Two Lessons each time.

JANUARY.

	Morning.	*Evening.*	*Morning & Evening.*
DAY.	FIRST LESSON.	FIRST LESSON.	SECOND LESSON.
	Gen.	1 Chron.	Matt.
1	1	1	1
2	2	2, 1-41	2
3	3	2, 42. 3	3
&c.	&c.	&c.	&c.

II.

FOR A SERVICE TWICE A DAY,

With One Lesson each time.

(1. In years ending with an odd numeral—as 1845—thus:—

FEBRUARY.

Day.	*Morning.*	*Evening.*
	Gen.	Mark.
1	32	4
2	33	5
3	34	6
&c.	&c.	&c.

Being the first and last Columns of the Calendar.

(2.) In years which terminate with an even numeral—as 1846—thus:—

MARCH.

Day.	*Morning.*	*Evening.*
	2 Chron.	Luke.
1	32	17
2	33	18
3	34	19
&c.	&c.	&c.

Being the second and last Columns of the Calendar.

III.

At Bible-Class, Tract, Missionary, and other meetings, the Chapter for the day (or a portion of it) may be read, according to the time of day in which the meeting is held, in the morning, afternoon, or evening.

IV.

Where three lessons each day are read, the Calendar may be used as it stands, and the complete perusal of the Sacred Volume will be thereby effected in the course of each year.

THE END.

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